

## Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

### 1. Subject of decision

North Tyneside Council's response to proposed reforms to National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the Planning System

### 2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Councillor Carl Johnson, Deputy Mayor

### 3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

n/a

### 4. Executive summary (To be taken from written report)

The report seeks the Deputy Mayor's approval to submit the Authority's formal response to the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government's (MHCLG) current consultation, for proposed reforms to national planning policy and the planning system. The changes proposed by MHCLG are wide ranging with particular implications for issues such as housing requirements, protection of the green belt and strategic planning.

The response presented in this report does not propose any objections to the principal objectives and key points within MHCLG's consultation. However, comments and observations on the proposed changes have been included in relation to challenges that may arise and potential improvements that MHCLG may wish to consider before finalising the reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

## 5. Alternative Options considered

### Option 2

Seek an alternative response to that set out in the Appendix to the report and provide authority to the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development to submit that updated response.

### Option 3

To not agree the draft consultation response and determine that the Authority should not respond to this consultation.

## 6. Decisions

That the Deputy Mayor:

- (1) Approves the consultation response to the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) set out in the Appendix of this report as the Authority's formal response to the consultation on proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system; and
- (2) Authorises the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development to take the necessary steps to finalise the Authority's formal response and ensure its submission to the MHCLG ahead of the consultation deadline on 24 September 2024.

## 7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

The proposed response has been informed by engagement with members of Local Plan Steering Group, the Planning Team and colleagues in other services including Housing, Highways and Environmental Sustainability. It is considered important that the Authority puts forward its views on important changes to national planning policy that will have direct implications for planning and the future growth and development of North Tyneside.

20 September 2024

***To be completed by Democratic Services***

**9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period**

5pm on 27 September 2024

**10. Date of Publication**

20 September 2024

**11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)**

After 5pm on 27 September 2024